(DGCA) has informed that they have not received any proposal from State Government of Andhra Pradesh for conducting aerial survey.

(b) Prior approval of Central Government has been given in respect of two proposals of the State Government of Andhra Pradesh for grant of Reconnaissance Permits in last three years.

(c) No funds are allocated to the State Governments by the Central Government for conducting such surveys.

Grievances redressal camps

636. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the National Commission for Minorities has started holding grievances redressal camps at State capitals;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of such camps held in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) the details of the results achieved from these camps?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Purview of the Ministry

637. SHRI MANOHAR JOSHI: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the purview of the newly created Ministry of Minority Affairs;

(b) whether Government are aware that the creation of his Ministry has the potential of furthering divisive policy in the country; and

(c) the specific jobs undertaken by his Ministry, so far?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) the subjects allotted to the Ministry of Minority Affairs are given in the Statement (*See* below).

(b) No, Sir. To the contrary, the Ministry is intended to promote inclusive development and national integration.

(c) The Ministry is attending to the tasks allocated to it. Among important initiatives, the Prime Minister's new 15-Point Programme for the Welfare of Minorities has already been announced.

Statement

Allocation of Subjects to the Ministry of Minority Affairs

1. Overall policy, planning, coordination, evaluation and review of the regulatory and developmental programmes of the minority communities.
2. All matters relating to minority communities except matters relating to law and order.
3. Policy initiatives for protection of minorities and their security in consultation with other Central Government Ministries and State Governments.
4. Matters relating to linguistic minorities and of the office of the Commissioner for Linguistic Minorities.
5. Matters relating to National Commission for Minorities Act.
6. Work relating to the evacuee Wakf properties under the Administration of Evacuee Property Act, 1950 (31 of 1950) (since repealed).
7. Representation of the Anglo-Indian Community.
8. Protection and preservation of non-Muslim shrines in Pakistan and Muslim shrines in India in terms of the Pant-Mirza Agreement of 1955, in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs.
9. Questions relating to the minority communities in neighboring countries, in consultation with the Ministry of External Affairs.
10. Charities and Charitable Institutions, Charitable and religious Endowments pertaining to subjects dealt with in the Department.
11. Matters pertaining to the socio-economic, cultural and educational status of minorities, minority organisations including the Maulana Azad Education Foundation.

12. The Wakf Act, 1995 (43 of 1995) and Central Wakf Council.
13. The Durgah Khawaja Sahib Act, 1955 (36 of 1955).
14. Funding of programmes and projects for the welfare of minorities, including the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation.
15. Employment opportunities for minorities in the Central and State public sector undertakings, as also in the private sector.
16. Formulation of measures relating to the protection of minorities and their security in consultation with other concerned Central Ministries and State Governments.
17. National Commission for Socially and Economically Backward Sections among Religious and Linguistic Minorities.
18. All matters relating to the Justice Sachar Committee.
19. Prime Minister's new 15-Point Programme for Minorities.
20. Any other issue pertaining to the minority communities.

Aims and objectives of NMDFC

638. SHRIMATI N.P. DURGA: Will the Minister of MINORITY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the aims and the objectives of the NMDFC;

(b) whether it is a fact that Government are taking measures to strengthen and professionalise the National Minorities Development and Finance Corporation;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the NMDFC is plaguing by a slew of problems like dismal recovery of loans in many States, severe staff shortage, apart from other administrative and operational troubles; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF MINORITY AFFAIRS (SHRI A.R. ANTULAY): (a) The aims and objectives of NMDFC are enclosed as Statement (*See* below).